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GROUP ON THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT, MAY 5-7, 1975. SUMMARY
OF DECISIONS.

REF: U/ENV/75.6 1ST REVISION - AGENDA

1. SECTOR GROUP RE-ELECTED ITS OFFICERS FOR 1975.
OFFICERS FOR 1976 WILL BE ELECTED AT NOVEMBER 1975
MEETING, AT WHICH TIME US PARTICIPANT, RICHARD BROUN,
HUD, WILL BE PROPOSED FOR ONE VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP.
2. FOLLOW-UP OF CONFERENCE "BETTER TOWNS WITH LESS
TRAFFIC". CONCLUSIONS, TOGETHER WITH CHAIRMAN'S
EVALUATION OF CONFERENCE AND A PROPOSAL FOR FOLLOW-UP
PROGRAM WILL BE SUBMITTED TO JUNE 1975 MEETING OF
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. WORK PROPOSED WILL CALL FOR
EVALUATION OF OECD MEMBER COUNTRY METHODOLOGY FOR
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DEALING WITH URBAN TRAFFIC PROBLEM, TO BE CARRIED OUT

BY URBAN SECTOR GROUP IN LIAISON WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE
OECD COMMITTEES (ECMT, ROAD RESEARCH SERVICE).

3. URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS. MEMBER COUNTRY
COMMENTS REQUESTED SOONEST ON THE BASIC REPORT DES-
CRIBING CONCEPTS AND METHODOLOGY. U/ENV/75.7. REVISED
VERSION WILL FORM PART OF OECD CONTRIBUTION TO 1976
VANCOUVER CONFERENCE ON "HUMAN SETTLEMENTS".

4. URBAN NOISE ABATEMENT. THE REVISED MMRSION OF THE
OVERVIEW REPORT, U/ENV/74.17 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S AD HOC GROUP ON NOISE ABATE-
MENT POLICIES, WHICH WILL MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME ON
NOVEMBER 12-14, 1975. IN TURN THE AD HOC GROUP'S REPORTS
WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE VIA
THE URBAN SECTOR GROUP.

5. LOW-COST IMPROVEMENT OF THE OUTDOOR URBAN ENVIRON-
MENT. SECTOR GROUP CHAIRMAN LEMBERG WILL CHAIR SMALL
MEETING IN COPENHAGEN ON MAY 29 TO REVISE THE DRAFT
SUMMARY REPORT. MISSION REQUESTS US COMMENTS SOONEST,
WITH COPY TO LEMBERG.

6. OECD CONTRIBUTION TO 1976 VANCOUVER CONFERENCE ON
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. IN ADDITION TO BACKGROUND PAPERS
ON TRAFFIC-LIMITATION, LOW-COST IMPROVEMENTS AND URBAN
INDICATORS, SECRETARIAT PLANS AUDIO-VISUAL PRESEN-
TATION BASED ON SIGNIFICANT MEMBER COUNTRY EXPERIENCE
IN THESE THREE FIELDS (MISSION WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT
ADVISED RE PROGRESS OF AUDIO-VISUAL PROJECT).

7. NEW PROPOSALS. SECTOR GROUP (A) ENDORSED STUDY ON
"MANAGEMENT OF PUBLICLY-OWNED LAND IN TOWNS", (B)
REFERRED BACK TO ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE STUDY ON
"COMPREHENSIVE URBAN PLANNING", WITH REQUEST FOR MORE
PRECISE DEFINITION OF SCOPE AND METHOD. ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS OVERALL PROGRAM OF URBAN SECTOR
GROUP AT ITS JUNE MEETING.

8. MEETING DATES: (A) MAY 29 (COPENHAGEN)AD HOC
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GROUP ON LOW COST URBAN IMPROVEMENT, (B) JUNE 11-13,
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, (C) NOVEMBER 12-14 AD HOC GROUP
ON NOISE ABATEMENT POLICIES, (D) NOVEMBER 24-26,
URBAN SECTOR GROUP.
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